

The Seventh Grade Scene

A newsletter written by and for seventh grade students



MVHS Gives Back

By: Jacob Napierkowski



Students, faculty, and staff opened up their hearts and wallets for the needy children in Susquehanna County for an event called The Giving Tree. Seventh grade students set up a Christmas tree in the high school library, and on the tree were fifty tags with the age, gender, and gift idea for a child.

The first day of the Giving Tree was November 15, and all fifty tags were chosen by

noon on that day, so seventh grade English teacher Mrs. James ordered twenty five more. All gifts were turned into Mrs. James unwrapped by December 6. Interfaith in Montrose distributed the gifts to local children. Some of the gifts included Legos, Barbies, Nerf guns, Zhu Zhu pets, and DVDs.

The idea for the Giving Tree came from the seventh grade teachers and students who thought they should give back

to their community. This is an important event because needy children that may not have received a gift will thanks to the generosity of the Mountain View community. Reading teacher Mrs. Jackson who purchased several gifts said, "I think the Giving Tree is a wonderful project as it is never too early to realize the joy of giving to others."



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Pay Day Can Be Everyday

By: Amber Bollard

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Over the last few weeks, the seventh grade teachers and students have been participating in an incentive program called character cash. Character cash is a system that the seventh grade teachers are using to recognize the wonderful things that the seventh grade students have been doing.

Earning character cash is really simple. All that students need to do is help others, get good grades, and be nice in general. When students earn character cash, they can make a decision whether to put their cash in five

different raffle buckets. They may choose from a Target gift card, an iTunes gift card, a Cinemark gift card, a Borders gift card, and a set of Percy Jackson books. At the end of the marking period, teachers will pick a dollar out of their buckets, and whoever's name is chosen will receive the prize. A new set of prizes will be raffled each marking period.

Character cash will end at the end of the marking period in January, so students may want to start earning character cash so they can have a chance to win a prize.



Storm the Slopes

By: Abby Sekely

Riders love the crisp snow and the elevation of the jumps. They love the cold wind in their faces while they cruise down the trail. They love the feeling of being invincible. They snowboard and they ski... **THEY ARE ELK MOUNTAIN!**

Hello winter folk! It's snow lovers favorite time of the year. The Snowriders Club will

meet at Elk on Friday nights starting on January 7. If you missed the sign-ups, the Snowriders Club still has some great trips planned! Upcoming trips to Boulder Mountain, Hunter Mountain, and Smugglers Notch are planned for the new year. For further information, contact Mr. Thomas by e-mail or by stopping in his room. Information is also available at the

MVSD website under Jr./Sr. High School. Go to student activities and then to Snowriders club.

"If you want to avoid the winter blues and feel the exhilaration of riding snow, sometimes you slide, sometimes you float, sometimes you fly; what an opportunity to experience with your friends," said Mr. Thomas, the Snowriders Club advisor.

Winter Sports

By: Adam Lynn

Boys ' Basketball

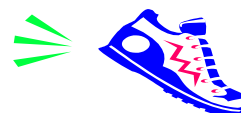
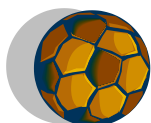
Although the seventh grade boys' basketball team only has seven members, they are a hard working and determined group of boys coached by English teacher Mr. Breese and his father. The team includes the following seventh grade boys: Adam Lynn, Deon Faramelli, Eric Landes, Tim VanVleck, Matt O'Brien, Wesley Richardson, and Dustin Denby.

Girls' Basketball

Seventh grade girls basketball players Morgan White, Hannah Phillips, Alea Anderson, Rebekah Tiffany, Kaitlyn Crandall, and Kylie Jerauld and their coaches Jerry and Jamie Hannon started the season with a loss to Western Wayne. However, the girls are optimistic that with hard work and determination they can bring home the district title.

Wrestling

Although the junior high does not have a formal wrestling team, the seventh graders have joined with the fifth and sixth graders to form a club team coached by former Mountain View wrestler Mr. Chaz Ross. The seventh grade wrestlers include Zach Weida, Collin Burt, Schae Thomas, Jake Napierkowski, and Justin Alessi.



Fall Sports Recap

By: Deon Faramelli and Ali Showalter

Cross Country

Although the junior high cross country team did not have a full team and they could not place in any races, that did not stop them from doing what they love. With determination, they achieved their goal to finish a great season. Races are normally 1.5 to 2.1 miles of hilly courses. Racers are scored individually by their time. The seventh grade team was made up of three racers: Seth Fluck, Joe Nally, and Doug Martin. Dis-

tricts were held at Scranton. They could not win but they raced anyway. When Seth Fluck was asked why students should join cross country, he responded, "Everyone participates. No one sits out. Everyone has a chance to be on the team. It's the best for you, and you burn the most calories running. It's more of a lifestyle than a sport."

Soccer

The boys and girls junior high soccer team had a very suc-

cessful season. They started off losing to Abington in an exhibition game, but coaches John Fitzpatrick and Anthony Borgia were determined to lead them to success. Their final record for their league was nine wins, zero losses, and one tie. Along with their successful record, they won the Montrose Soccer Tournament and made it to playoffs. Although the team lost against Lakeland, they had a great game and walked out with pride.

Movie Review: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows*

By: Hannah Phillips

Imagine you must find something, something that means the world, but something that could be anywhere. You have little clues and limited time. And you must search without being seen by anyone. Where do you look? Where do you hide? Who do you trust?

These are the impossible dilemmas Harry and his friends, Ron and Hermione, face in the thrilling part one of the sixth installment in the *Harry Potter* saga, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows Part 1*.

After the devastating death of the beloved headmaster of Hogwarts, Dumbledore, the evil wizard, Voldemort, has come back for revenge, and once again, Harry is the only

one who can stop him. Voldemort is strong, but he is not invincible, especially when he himself is made of only horcrux, extremely vital pieces of the evil lord's soul disguised as random objects. The only hope is to find and destroy the remaining ones. They could be anywhere, scattered through the wizard and human world. And if finding them isn't hard enough, they need the missing sword of Gryffindor to destroy them.

To complicate things even more for the crew, with Voldemort in power, the teens and anyone associated with them are considered criminals in the wizard world.

Join the famous trio for their most exciting adventure yet

as they set out on a journey to find the remaining horcrux and the Gryffindor sword, all while remaining hidden and battling the evil Voldemort set on killing Harry.

This movie was phenomenal. Once again, the cast delivered astonishingly. Rupert Grint (Ron) especially did a great job of bringing some humor into the atmosphere. The movie was also very well directed with great special effects. The setting for many of the scenes was stunning. Everything about this movie fit J.K. Rowling's novel to a tee. I recommend this movie to all Harry Potter fans. It is, in my opinion, the best so far of its series; It will exceed all expectations. Four stars!

Book Review: *The Lost Hero*

By: Seth Fluck

Imagine you suddenly find yourself on a bus. You can't remember who you are, where you are, or who the people around you are. This is the situation Jason finds himself in. He must go on a quest to retrieve his stolen memory. His friends, Piper and Leo, go with Jason for reasons of their own. Sprinkled throughout the story are some godly encounters, battles of "giant" proportions, and goofy humor.

Rick Riordan, author of the famed Percy Jackson series, has begun a new series. The series is started by a thrilling book called *The Lost Hero*. If Riordan can make the rest of the series as good as this one, then the Percy Jackson books will be left in the dust. *The Lost Hero* is a must read for all of Riordan's devoted followers and those who enjoy comedic fantasy.

Fashion Spotlight

By: Morgan White



Sam Flannery looks fashionable in a pair of skinny jeans and a plaid shirt. The contrast between the two articles of clothing pulls the whole thing together. Add in his skater shoes and he is sure to get an A+ in fashion!

Look Your Best This Winter

By: Jordan Bomersheim and Natalie Meagher

From accessories to clothing, fashion makes a big first impression. You can do this many different ways. Keep reading to find out the latest craze in fashion.

If you are a girl and want to make a good first impression, follow these rules. Your hair in a side pony tail is a look that says relaxed and hip. Also, a bold headband with a bow or feather makes a statement. Make sure your feather, flower bow etc. is to the side.

For clothing, graphic tees layered with a camisole, long necklaces, long sweaters, multi layers, skinny jeans, and a flow-

ing skirt will stand out. Fashionable shoes include Converse, high tops and ballet flats.

Remember when choosing your outfit for the day to include some accessories to complete the look. Individualizing your ensemble may be as easy as adding a simple accessory.

Accessories can be used to make your outfit dazzle. For example, guys can throw on a hat and a belt to make their outfit pop. For girls' winter wear, cute boots and a scarf are both fabulous accessories. Some other fun accessories are earrings, rings, necklaces, and bracelets.

If you are a guy and want

to make a bold statement, follow these rules. For fashionable clothing, wear brand t-shirts (i.e. Etnies, DC, and Fox), a sweatshirt or hoodie, skinny jeans, and basketball shorts. Make your feet noticeable by wearing shoe brands Converse, Osiris, Nike, and Adidas.

The key to looking fashionable is not so much about buying branded and expensive items off the rack. It is about making use of what you have to the best of your ability, and being comfortable with it. Again, having the right sense of style is not about being someone else, but being yourself.



Jump into Retro Fashions

By: Travis Hartman

Look around the halls. Do you see any clothes that pop out at you? There have been styles that were in to out then in again. At the moment fashions from the 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's are coming back. Fashion right now includes skinny jeans, Converse, and tie-dye shirts.

First, skinny jeans are very popular. You can find them at American Eagle, Aeropostale, Target, JcPenny, Wal-Mart, Abercrombie, and Hollister. The prices range from \$10 to \$100. The less expensive brands are Target, JcPenny, Wal-Mart, and some at Aeropostale and American Eagle.

Some of the more expensive brands are Hollister and Abercrombie. A good idea in skinny jeans would also be to get ripped which are very fashionable.

Also, Converse are very popular. They can range in prices from \$30 to \$50. Converse have so many different colors and styles that are very hard to choose from. They come in lengths of short, medium, and high. Out of these the most popular are high-tops or medium length. Some colors for Converse are red, orange, black, green, purple, blue, and pink. If you don't want to buy Converse, the look-a-likes are

Airwalks, but be careful because they may be poorly made. You can find these at Payless or Famous Footwear.

Lastly, tie-dye has become a popular, fun activity that can be done at home with a \$10 kit purchased from Wal-Mart, A.C. Moore, or Target. However, if you prefer to purchase tie-dye clothing at a store, be prepared to pay more.

So while out shopping the next time look for these items to be fashionable.



Chorus Concert

By: Stephanie Ostir, Amber Bollard, Ewan Sands



Mr. Hoover, MVHS music teacher, and the Mountain View Junior/Senior Band and Chorus held their annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 16, 2010 in the high school auditorium. The Junior Band and Senior Band played

many Christmas songs, including *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* which they performed together and *The Chipmunk Song*. Junior and Senior Chorus sang Christmas songs with surprising twists, including *Oh Come All Ye Faithful*,

Home for Christmas, and *Hodie*. According to audience members, the concert was a huge success. Band and chorus members will begin preparing for the spring concert in January.



Student Spotlight Hitting the Track

By: Hannah Richner



As a young child, Schae Thomas's dad raced motocross, encouraging him at the age of four to grab a bike and hit the track. With around two hundred awards under his belt as well as a broken collar bone, pinky, nose, and toe, Schae Thomas still pursues his dream of being a professional moto-

cross racer. Racing with kids as old as 16, he has managed to stick out and be selected to race in Loretta Lynn. Schae was one of forty-two to compete in this world wide national race. With traveling to Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, New York, and New Jersey, you may think Schae and his love for the sport

has decreased throughout the years, but he said his motivation was, his family and having the opportunity to race almost every weekend. Schae hopes to pursue his dream in becoming a professional motocross racer.

Student Spotlight Hitting the Field

By: Shelby Galambos and Rebekah Tiffiny

As an energetic four year old, Hannah Richner began her soccer journey. She started playing at a recreational level, but now she has moved her way up to play on an all boys U-13 travel team. Hannah is one of four girls that play with this high level boys' team.

When winter plays hard, Hannah plays harder. Normal players stop after the regular season, but not Hannah she goes beyond the average players. During the normal season, Hannah plays on the field with

all of the other players. After everyone takes a break from soccer, Hannah continues to play soccer indoors. This is not just a hobby for her. Hannah plans to become a pro soccer athlete.

Along the way, Hannah has suffered through many injuries such as: sprained ankle, broken wrist, jammed fingers and toes, concussions, and broken fingers. What is her motivation? When asked, Hannah said, "Friends and family help me get through the tough times to persevere through my soccer dream."

Through all of the traveling to New Jersey, Delaware, New York, and all over Pennsylvania, Hannah has earned around twenty-five medals and thirteen trophies.

But with all of this comes a cost that her mom is willing pay. Tournaments can cost up to \$500 dollars, and soccer jerseys and uniforms hit the hundreds as well. When we asked her about prep time, she gave us a simple remark. "You can never prep enough for a game."

Calling All Artists

By: Brandon Freely and Colin Burt

If you are a student looking for a creative, fun after school activity on Thursday nights, you should check out art club with art teacher Mrs. Lombardi. It is a club for any students interested in making crafts or painting murals. Members made and sold crafts for the

fall craft show at the elementary school. The crafts included hand crafted cards, wrapping paper, ornaments, and baskets. In addition, members made and sold rustic, wooden snowmen. All money raised from fundraisers will go towards art supplies and a trip to the art museums in New

York City. Seventh grade art club members include Brandon Freely, Colin Burt, Hannah Pepper, Hannah Richner, Hannah Phillips, Ewan Sands, Kendel Baresse, Cheverly Chichura, Emmillie Miller, and Abby Sekely.

Leading the Way

By : Ali Showalter, Lexy Wansacz, Abby Sekely

The MV Student Government Association consists of students in grades seventh through twelve; the seventh grade students involved are Abby Sekely, Emily Supancik, Lexy Wansacz, and Alison Showalter. This association arranges many events throughout the school in which students and faculty participate. Some previous events that were

successful were The Faculty vs. Student basketball game and Feed-a-Friend. These events occurred in the beginning of the year. The Door Decorating Contest is a contest when faculty and staff decorated their door for the holidays. Then students voted for the one they liked the best. This year Mrs. Lombardi's door

won. The winner received a trophy and don't forget bragging rights. Also, student government is applying to be a National Council of Excellence. "If we are accepted, it would be a great honor. All we can do is hope for the best." said Alexis Oakley.

Survey Says

By Hannah Pepper, Rachel Russell, and Alexis Wansacz

We asked 92 students in the seventh grade the following question:

What's on the top of your Christmas list.

Out of all the responses here were the most frequent wished for.

- iPod touch & cell phones
- Video games & game systems
- A lap top
- Money & gift cards
- Hunting rifles

Running the Future

By: Hannah Pepper, Jordan Bomersheim, and Rachel Russell

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) has had a busy fall starting with fundraisers, breakfast with Santa, and the regional leadership conference. Not to mention they helped the school plan all the dances and pep rallies. FBLA helps to create and promote educational programs and curriculum, and to provide members with unique opportunities to practice the skills and knowledge that they are learning in the classroom. When we asked Mrs. McHenry if FBLA helps the members prepare for life, she replied,

"Definitely, they get to network with other people, learn leadership skills, compete in events, and get a chance to qualify for states.

On Friday December 10, 2010 MVHS hosted the regional competition; over 750 FBLA members attended. At the FBLA competition, students were to choose a topic, such as: career exploration, current events, proof reading and editing, or FBLA creed code ethics and pledge. MVHS was very successful. Many students qualified for states in April.

Reading, an Olympic Sport?

By: Anna Housel

This year, eight students in seventh and eighth grade are doing a special competition called the Reading Olympics. This is a competition that some kids would groan at because participants have to choose and read five books from a list of forty-five, and then attend an event at the NEIU and answer questions about the books. The competition is for sixth

through eighth graders, but usually teams are from the same school. This means that the elementary school has their team, and the high school has a different team. The competition is in the spring, but the group will be reading like crazy until then! The seventh grade portion of the team is made up of Hannah Phillips, Alison Showalter, Lexy Wansacz

Anna Housel, Schae Thomas, Cameron Gabriel, and Jacob Wallace. Some of these books have Accelerated Reading tests, so if you want to check them out, this year's reading list includes the following: *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, by Gennifer Choldenko, *Dovey Coe*, by Frances O'Roark Dowell, and *Loch*, by Paul Zindel.

Keep the Flu Away From You

By: Stephanie Ostir

Although flu season timing is unpredictable, many at MVHS are becoming ill and showing symptoms of the common flu. Fatigue, headaches, vomiting, muscle or body aches, and a fever are just a few symptoms of the flu. The flu is a contagious disease that is a main cause of pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections, and many more illnesses.

"In order to prevent the flu, you should get vaccinated,"

says Mrs. Kaslanski, the MVHS nurse. "Also, have proper rest. Be sure to keep a regular sleep cycle, even over the weekend. The average teenager needs about a solid nine hours of sleep. Even about ten hours wouldn't hurt. To prevent the flu, be sure you wash your hands. Do not put your hands by the nose, mouth, or eyes unless washed. Always wash your hands before you eat. After using

computers, be sure to especially wash your hands. Lots of people touch them, and some viruses can live a long time."

Mrs. Kaslanski also recommends a healthy diet to prevent the flu. Be sure to drink good fluids, such as water or juice, and eat a variety of fruits, vegetables, and proteins. These recommendations are your best bet in keeping you healthy and avoiding the flu this winter season.



Survey Says

By: Hannah Pepper, Rachel Russell, and Lexy Wansazc

We asked the seventh grade teachers and the administrators the following question:

What is the strangest item on your desk?

- Buzz Light-year (Mr. Doster)
- Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head Dolls (Mrs. James)
- Ceramic Cat Made By Her (Mrs. Jackson)
- Many Rocks (Mrs. Niemotka)
- Bag of Trail Mix (Mr. Robinson)

We asked the seventh grade students the following question:

What are the strangest things in your locker?

1. A rock (Debbie Morris)
2. Car Air Freshener (Katelyn Papa)
3. Sponge (Debbie Morris)
4. Stopwatch (Hannah Phillips)
5. Kitty Calendar (Ali Showalter)

Poetry Out Loud

By: Ewan Sands

Seventh grade students at MVHS have been preparing for the annual Poetry Out Loud competition. Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest where students pick a poem ranging from 6 to 40 lines and recite the poem in front of a live audience. English teachers Mrs. James and Mrs. Kile created their own version of the national contest for the junior high students. Mrs. James and Mrs. Kile each selected 9 of their students who they thought had the best reciting ability. The selected students will recite their poems in front of the entire seventh and eighth grade on December 22, 2010.

The following seventh graders were selected to recite: Anna Housel, Hannah Phillips, Adam Lynn, Seth Fluck, Abby Sekely, Matthew Ord, Katie Tyson, Rachel Russell, and Stephanie Ostir. The winner of the junior high competition will receive a gift certificate to Borders and bragging rights.

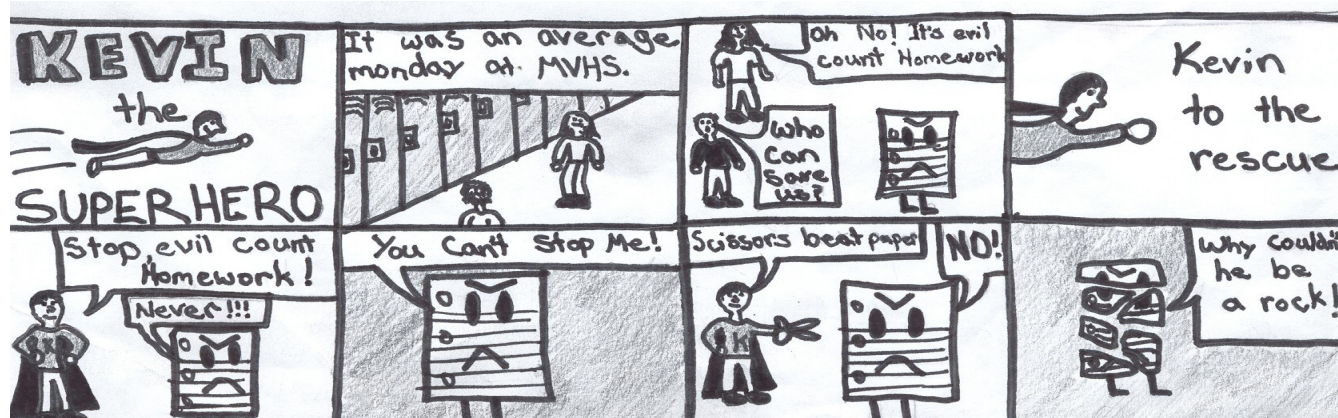
Good luck to all of the competitors in this year's Poetry Out Loud competition.

Fashion Spotlight

By: Morgan White



Kendel Barrese displays a perfect outfit for going to school or to the mall. She pulls off her look by layering a graphic tee over a tight camisole. Also, she wears a pair of skinny jeans. Boots complete her ensemble.



By: Brandon Freely and Seth Fluck